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*loves to read  
and so will  
you!*

An important predictor of reading success is the amount of time a child has been interactively read aloud to by a parent.

The following ideas will help parents think of questions to stimulate their child's thinking and develop on-going comprehension skills with a shared story.

*Let **TARCC** help to improve your child's reading!*

Tell me – Ask the child to tell you about characters or events in the story: “Tell me about the little girl,” or “What might happen next in the story?”

Ask questions – Ask the child any of the 5W questions—who, what, when, where, and why—to help the child recall specific information.

Retell – Stop reading the story periodically and have the child retell what has happened thus far in the story. This guides the child in remembering events and ideas.

Connect – Have the child connect events in the story to his or her own life.

Complete – Ask the child “fill in the blank” questions, such as “The little mouse ran into his \_\_\_\_\_.”